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Start with fib. Why is the recursive definition such a poor performer.
Better: fill in an array.
You recall dynamic programming I hope:
Solve small solutions.
Glue them together.
Let's look at the classic: string comparison
some vs. sammy
Draw the matrix. Figure out the rule for going backwards
work back towards the beginning.
Sometimes can improve on things -- Ukkonen trick
Michael Trick notes on the website shows the use of dynamic programming
for NP-complete problems.
Duellists (dynamic programming applied to game playing; on your own):
/ duel.k, Dennis Shasha, October 2001
/ Alternate moves.
/ Player 1 goes first at multiples of 20 (or in our case, even distances).
/ Duellists -- Keith Carradine and Harvey Keitel
/ Napoleon Pistol. Gribeauval 1806. flintlock.
/ One doesn't hear about duels so often these days, so Ecco was
/ quite surprised to hear the request from one Austerlitz Toulemonde.
/ "I am from the Napoleonic Society," he explained.
/ "We use firearms from the time of the Emperor and when disagreements arrive
/ we allow duels, though only to the first touch and
/ our vests are made of kevlar.
/ Even when we're wounded, no one gets too badly hurt,
/ because our members prefer modern surgeons
/ to barbers.
/ Now it happens that I have been caught in {\em flagrant delit}
/ with the extremely charming wife of another member.
/ To protect his honor, he has slapped me on the face and
/ we must duel tomorrow.
/ In this duel, I am the offender and he is the challenger.
/ "The basic duel scenario here is that there are two people
/ start by standing 100 paces apart.
/ The offender has two bullets and the challenger has three
/ bullets.
/ So, he has more bullets.
/ At each distance, starting with the offender,
/ one duellist can choose to shoot at most one bullet
/ provided he has any left.
/ Then the other duellist can choose to shoot
/ at most one bullet if he has any left.
/ If neither is hit at that distance, each dueler walks 5 paces towards
/ the other, thus bringing the duelers 10 paces closer to one another.
/ The duellist who went first the last time goes second this time.
/ "Now the probability that a dueler will hit his opponent
/ grows as the distance shrinks, i.e. (100 - dist)/100."
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/ "So if either of you has a bullet left and the other has none, the
/ one with the bullet surely win," Liane said.
/ My question to you is: what should my strategy be?
/ Assuming that he
/ The duelers
/ A dueler is allowed to shoot only once at a certain distance and
/ the duelers approach one another 10 paces at a time (5 paces each)
/ after both each has a chance to shoot or not (and assuming neither is shot).
/ One's chance of touching is defined by the formula:
/ (maxdist-dist)/maxdist
/ For the purposes of this program, I've replaced 10 paces by 1 pace.
/ Now, we have glmat which is the best prob that player 1 can do from
/ given configuration (player 1's move, so much distance, so many
/ shots for player 1 and so many shots for player 2).
/ g2mat is the least winning prob for player 1 that player 2 can manage
/ when it is player 2's move.
/ To figure out the moves, find the first time that some player shoots and
/ then continue from that configuration.
/ All other configurations are simply unattainable assuming rational play.
/ To play this as a game, form the array but ignore the output from out.
/ Then use doesshoot1 or doesshoot2 to decide which is the best move.
/ Start with glmat.
/ APPLICATION SPECIFIC
/ prob of hit and miss
p:{[dist] (maxdist - dist) % maxdist}
q:{[dist] 1 - p[dist]}
/ whatever the distance probability player 1 has a slightly better shot
improve: 1 / if improve: 1 then both have same prob of hitting at distance.
p1:{[dist] improve*p[dist]}
q1:{[dist] 1 - p1[dist]}
p2:p
q2:q
/ probability that player 1 will win if he has m1 bullets
/ and m2 has m2 bullets and they are dist apart
/ and it is player 1's turn and whether player 1 went first or not
/ is determined by the isfirst flag
q1:{[dist; m1; m2; isfirst]
  if[glmat[dist;m1;m2; isfirst] > -1; :glmat[dist;m1;m2; isfirst]]
        / greater than -1 means already set
  /:(q2[dist;m1;m2]) | ((p[dist]) + (q[dist] * q2[dist;m1-1;m2]))
  if(isfirst = 1
    x1: (q2[dist;m1;m2; 0]) / player 1 doesn't shoot
    x2: ((p1[dist]) + (q1[dist] * g2[dist;m1-1;m2; 0]))
        / player 1 shoots and succeeds with prob p1[dist] or misses and then
        / prob depends on the g2.
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if[isfirst = 0 / if player 1 was not first this time he will be next time
        / so recursion goes to player 1
    x1: (g1[dist-1;m1;m2; 1]) / you try at a smaller distance
    x2: ((p1[dist]) + (q1[dist] * q1[dist-1;m1-1;m2; 1])) / you shoot
        / at this distance and then you get another chance at a smaller
        / distance because the chance to go first alternates.
        / never take this second choice
  if[x2 > x1 / shoots]
        if[m1 > 1]
         out,: ,("Player 1 at "), ($dist), (" having "), ($m1), (" bullets, shoots.
Prob to win: "), ($x2), (". Player 2 has: "), ($m2)
         out,: :[isfirst; (" Player 1 was first."); ("Player 1 was second.")]
        if[m1 = 1]
         out,: ,("Player 1 at "), ($dist), (" having one bullet, shoots. Prob to win:
"), ($x2), (". Player 2 has: "), ($m2)
        out,: :[isfirst; (" Player 1 was first."); ("Player 1 was second.")]
        1
  ]
  :x1 | x2
  / first part is if player 1 doesn't shoot.
  / second part is if player 1 does.
/ probability that player 1 will win if he has m1 bullets
/ and m2 has m2 bullets and they are dist apart
/ and it is player 2's turn and whether player 2 is going first at this
/ distance is determined by the isfirst flag
q2:{[dist; m1; m2; isfirst]
  / if[m1 = 0; :0]
  / if[m2 = 0; :1]
  if[g2mat[dist;m1;m2; isfirst] > -1; :g2mat[dist;m1;m2; isfirst]]
        / -1 is the initial value; so if not that then this is known
  if[1 = isfirst
    x1:(g1[dist;m1;m2;0]) / if player 2 chooses not to shoot,
        / control passes to player 1
    x2: (q2[dist] * g1[dist;m1;m2-1;0]) / if player 2 hits, then
        / value to player 1s 0; else with prob q2[dist], prob of
        / player 1 winning is g1[dist;m1;m2-1;0]
  if[0 = isfirst / if player 2 is not first this time, he will be next time
    x1:(g2[dist-1;m1;m2;1]) / if second this time, then be first the next time
    x2: (q2[dist] * q2[dist-1;m1;m2-1;1]) / or try to shoot and remaining
        / value is prob of missing * prob player 1 wins if player 2 goes
        / first next
  if[x2 < x1 / note that player 2 is a minimizer
        if[m2 > 1]
         out,: ,("Player 2 at "), ($dist), (" having "), ($m2), (" bullets, shoots.
Prob to win: "), ($1-x2), (". Player 1 has: "), ($m1)
         out,: :[isfirst; (" Player 2 was first."); ("Player 2 was second.")]
        if[m2 = 1]
         out,: ,("Player 2 at "), ($dist), (" having one bullet, shoots. Prob to win:
"), ($1-x2), (". Player 1 has: "), ($m1)
        out,: :[isfirst; (" Player 2 was first."); ("Player 2 was second.")]
        1
  1
  :x1 & x2
  / first part is player 2 not shooting so distance gets closer by 10
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paces (here represented as 1)
  / second part is player 2 shooting.
}
/ Once we've constructed the matrix, we answer the question about whether
/ we shoot or not at a certain distance.
doesshoot1:{[dist; m1;m2; isfirst]
  if[isfirst = 0; :0] / never worthwhile to shoot in that case
  if[m1 = 0; :0] / can't shoot if have nothing
  if[isfirst = 1
    x1: (g2mat[dist;m1;m2;0])
    x2: ((p1[dist]) + (q1[dist] * g2mat[dist;m1-1;m2;0]))
  x^2 < x^2
}
doesshoot2:{[dist; m1;m2; isfirst]
  if[isfirst = 0; :0] / never worthwhile to shoot in that case
  if[m2 = 0; :0] / can't shoot if have nothing
  if[isfirst = 1
    x1:(q1mat[dist;m1;m2;0])
    x2: (q2[dist] * g1mat[dist;m1;m2-1;0])
  x^2 < x^2
/ DATA
out: ()
maxdist: 10 / maxdist sets of 10 paces
/ set up
 0: "Which player number are you? (1, 2)\n"
x: 0: `
zz: :[("1") in x; playernum: 1; playernum: 2]
` 0: "How many bullets does player 1 have? (0... 5)\n"
x: 0 $ 0:
m1: x
` 0: "How many bullets does player 2 have? (0... 5)\n"
x: 0 $ 0: `
m2: x
num1: m1 / first mover bullets
num2: m2 / second mover bullets
/ for every distance, for each number of bullets left for each player
/ fourth entry is whether a certain player is first or not.
qlmat: ((maxdist+1); (num1+1); (num2+1); 2) # -1
        / prob that player 1 wins -- player 1 moves
q2mat: ((maxdist+1); (num1+1); (num2+1); 2) # -1
        / prob that player 1 wins -- player 2 moves
/ initialization
q1mat[0;;;]: 1 / if players are at 0 distance away, player 1 will win if he
        / has bullets; first entry is distance.
q2mat[0;;;]: 0 / if players are at 0 distance away, player 1 will lose if
        / player 2 has bullets; first entry is distance. player 2 is a
        / minimizer.
glmat[;;0;]: 1 / if player 2 ever has 0 bullets, player 1 is sure to win
                / provided he has bullets; third entry is player 2 bullets
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g1mat[;0;;]: 0 / if player 1 has 0 bullets, he will lose. Not sure needed
                / second entry is player 1 bullets.
g2mat[;0;;]: 0 / if player 1 ever has 0 bullets, player 1 is sure to lose
g2mat[;;0;]: 1 / if player 2 ever has 0 bullets, player 1 wins. Needed?
g1mat[0;0;0;]: 52 / neutral, neither player wins but can't get here
q2mat[0;0;0;]: 52 / neutral, neither player wins but can't get here
/ EXECUTION
idist: 0
while[idist < (maxdist+1)</pre>
  m1: 0
  while[m1 < (num1+1)]
        m2: 0
        while[m2 < (num2+1)]
                glmat[idist;m1;m2;0]: g1[idist; m1; m2;0]
                g2mat[idist;m1;m2;0]: g2[idist; m1; m2;0]
                glmat[idist;m1;m2;1]: g1[idist; m1; m2;1]
                q2mat[idist;m1;m2;1]: q2[idist; m1; m2;1]
                m2+: 1
        1
        m1+: 1
  1
  idist+: 1
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/ ` 0: ?out
even:\{[x] (_x % 2) = (x % 2)\}
out2: ()
idist: maxdist
m1: num1
m2: num2
while[idist > 0
 onefirst: even[idist]
 if[1 = onefirst / player 1 goes first
  if[m1 > 0]
    if[doesshoot1[idist;m1;m2;1]
        out2,: ,("Player 1 (going first) at "), ($idist), (" having "), ($m1), ("
bullet(s), shoots. Player 2 has: "), ($m2), (". Prob 1 wins: "),
($q1mat[idist;m1;m2;1])
        m1 - : 1
    ]
  if[(m2 > 0)]
    if[doesshoot2[idist;m1;m2;0]
        out2,: ,("Player 2 (going second) at "), ($idist), (" having "), ($m2), ("
bullet(s), shoots. Player 1 has: "), ($m1), (". Prob 2 wins: "), ($1-
g2mat[idist;m1;m2;0])
        m2 - : 1
    ]
  ]
 if[0 = onefirst / player 1 goes second
  if[(m2 > 0)]
    if[doesshoot2[idist;m1;m2;1]
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out2,: ,("Player 2 (going first) at "), ($idist), (" having "), ($m2), ("
bullet(s), shoots. Player 1 has: "), ($m1), (". Prob 2 wins: "), ($1-
g2mat[idist;m1;m2;1])
        m2-: 1
    ]
  ]
  if[m1 > 0]
    if[doesshoot1[idist;m1;m2;0]
        out2,: ,("Player 1 (going second) at "), ($idist), (" having "), ($m1), ("
bullet(s), shoots. Player 2 has: "), ($m2), (". Prob 1 wins: "),
($g1mat[idist;m1;m2;0])
        m1 - : 1
    1
  ]
 1
  idist-: 1
/ definitely shoot at 0 distance
if[m1 > 0]
        out2,: ,("Player 1 (going first) at "), ($idist), (" having "), ($m1), ("
bullet(s), shoots. Player 2 has: "), ($m2), (". Prob 1 wins: "),
($q1mat[idist;m1;m2;1])
        m1-: 1
if[m2 > 0]
        out2,: ,("Player 2 (going second) at "), ($idist), (" having "), ($m2), ("
bullet(s), shoots. Player 1 has: "), ($m1), (". Prob 2 wins: "), ($1-
q2mat[idist;m1;m2;0])
        m2 - : 1
 0: out2
/ set up
file: "duelshare"
if[0 < # i
file: i[0]
parse:{[lines; orig1; orig2]
 m1: orig1
 m2: orig2
  distarr: ()
  k: 0
  while[k < #lines
        line: lines[k]
        flag: (0 = \# \& \sim line = "") | (0 = \# line)
        if[~ flag / non-empty
                i: line ? ","
                dist: 0 $ line[!i]
                distarr,: dist
                line: (i+1) _ line
                i: line ? ",
                player: 0 $ line[!i]
                line: (i+1) line
                shot: (line _sm "*sh*") | (line _sm "*sh*")
                if[shot
                        :[player=1; m1-: 1; m2-: 1]
                ]
        ]
        k+: 1
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if[0 = #distarr]
        :(m1; m2; 10)
  ]
  if[1 = #distarr
        :(m1; m2; _ dist % 10)
  :[dist = distarr[(#distarr)-2] / same distance twice
        :(m1; m2; _ (dist-10) % 10)
        :(m1; m2; _ dist % 10)]
}
m1: num1
m2: num2
 \hat{} 0: "Shall we play? (y,n)\n"
 x: 0: `
 while[(x _sm "*y*") | (x _sm "*Y*")
        a: 0: file
        triple: parse[a; num1; num2]
        m1: triple[0]
        m2: triple[1]
        r: triple[2]
        if[(playernum = 1)]
          ishoot: 0
          if[(even[r])
            ishoot: doesshoot1[r;m1;m2;1]
          if[ishoot
                 a,: ,($10*r), (","), ($playernum), (", shoot")
                 / ^{\circ} 0: ("Player 1 shoots at "),($10*r), (" with "), ($m1), (" bullets
vs. "), ($m2), (" bullets for player 2.\n")
          if[~ ishoot
                 a,: ,($10*r), (","), ($playernum), (", pass")
        1
        if[(playernum = 2)]
          ishoot: 0
          if[~ (even[r])
            ishoot: doesshoot2[r;m1;m2;1]
          if[ishoot
                 a,: ,($10*r), (","), ($playernum), (", shoot")
                 / ` 0: ("Player 2 shoots at "),($10*r), (" with "), ($m2), (" bullets
vs. "), (\$m1), (" bullets for player 1.\n")
          if[~ ishoot
                 a,: ,($10*r), (","), ($playernum), (", pass")
          1
          0: a
        file 0: a
         \hat{ } 0: "Shall we play? (y,n)\n"
        x: 0: `
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